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In Reply Refer To: HSST-1/CC-170

Roberto Impero Industry AMS srl Via Dante Giacosa 81025 Marcianise (CE) snc Italy

Dear Mr. Impero:

This letter is in response to your June 30, 2021 request for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review a roadside safety device, hardware, or system for eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program. This FHWA letter of eligibility is assigned FHWA control number CC-170 and is valid until a subsequent letter is issued by FHWA that expressly references this device.

### **Decision**

The following device is eligible within the length-of-need, with details provided in the form which is attached as an integral part of this letter:

• Hercules TL2 P

## **Scope of this Letter**

To be found eligible for Federal-aid funding, new roadside safety devices should meet the crash test and evaluation criteria contained in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). However, the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, and the United States Government do not regulate the manufacture of roadside safety devices. Eligibility for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program does not establish approval, certification or endorsement of the device for any particular purpose or use.

This letter is not a determination by the FHWA, the Department of Transportation, or the United States Government that a vehicle crash involving the device will result in any particular outcome, nor is it a guarantee of the in-service performance of this device. Proper manufacturing, installation, and maintenance are required in order for this device to function as tested.

This finding of eligibility is limited to the crashworthiness of the system and does not cover other structural features, nor conformity with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

## **Eligibility for Reimbursement**

Based solely on a review of crash test results and certifications submitted by the manufacturer, and the crash test laboratory, FHWA agrees that the device described herein meets the crash test and evaluation criteria of the AASHTO's MASH. Therefore, the device is eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program if installed under the range of tested conditions.

 Name of system: Hercules TL2 P Type of system: Crash Cushion

Test Level: Test Level 2

Testing conducted by: CSI S.P.A. Date of request: June 30, 2021

FHWA concurs with the recommendation of the accredited crash testing laboratory on the attached form.

## **Full Description of the Eligible Device**

The device and supporting documentation, including reports of the crash tests or other testing done, videos of any crash testing, and/or drawings of the device, are described in the attached form.

### **Notice**

This eligibility letter is issued for the subject device as tested. Modifications made to the device are not covered by this letter. Any modifications to this device should be submitted to the user (i.e., state DOT) as per their requirements.

You are expected to supply potential users with sufficient information on design, installation and maintenance requirements to ensure proper performance.

You are expected to certify to potential users that the hardware furnished has the same chemistry, mechanical properties, and geometry as that submitted for review, and that it will meet the test and evaluation criteria of AASHTO's MASH.

Issuance of this letter does not convey property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. This letter is based on the premise that information and reports submitted by you are accurate and correct. We reserve the right to modify or revoke this letter if: (1) there are any inaccuracies in the information submitted in support of your request for this letter, (2) the qualification testing was flawed, (3) in-service performance or other information reveals safety problems, (4) the system is significantly different from the version that was crash tested, or (5) any other information indicates that the letter was issued in error or otherwise does not reflect full and complete information about the crashworthiness of the system.

## **Standard Provisions**

- To prevent misunderstanding by others, this letter of eligibility designated as FHWA control number CC-170 shall not be reproduced except in full. This letter and the test documentation upon which it is based are public information. All such letters and documentation may be reviewed upon request.
- This letter shall not be construed as authorization or consent by the FHWA to use, manufacture, or sell any patented system for which the applicant is not the patent holder.
- This FHWA eligibility letter is not an expression of any Agency view, position, or determination of validity, scope, or ownership of any intellectual property rights to a specific device or design. Further, this letter does not impute any distribution or licensing rights to the requester. This FHWA eligibility letter determination is made based solely on the crash-testing information submitted by the requester. The FHWA reserves the right to review and revoke an earlier eligibility determination after receipt of subsequent information related to crash testing.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Griffith Director, Office of Safety Technologies Office of Safety

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**Enclosures** 

# Request for Federal Aid Reimbursement Eligibility of Highway Safety Hardware

	Date of Request:	June 30, 2021	○ New	Resubmission
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ter	Company:	Industry AMS srl		
Submitter	Address:	Via Dante Giacosa, 81025 Marcianise (CE) snc		
	Country:	Italy		
	To:	Michael S. Griffith, Director		
		FHWA, Office of Safety Technologies		

I request the following devices be considered eligible for reimbursement under the Federal-aid highway program.

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System Type	Submission Type	Device Name / Variant	Testing Criterion	Test Level
'CC': Crash Cushions, Attenuators, & Terminals	<ul><li>Physical Crash Testing</li><li>Engineering Analysis</li></ul>	Hercules TL2 P	AASHTO MASH	TL2

By submitting this request for review and evaluation by the Federal Highway Administration, I certify that the product(s) was (were) tested in conformity with the AASHTO Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and that the evaluation results meet the appropriate evaluation criteria in the MASH.

Identification of the individual or organization responsible for the product:

Contact Name:	Roberto Impero	Same as Submitter 🔀
Company Name:	Industry AMS srl	Same as Submitter 🔀
Address:	Via Dante Giacosa, 81025 Marcianise (CE) snc	Same as Submitter 🔀
Country:	Italy	Same as Submitter 🔀
Eligibility Process f	or Safety Hardware Devices' document.	
principals and staff	endent research and testing laboratory having no affiliation of CSI Spa have no past or present financial, contractual of directly or indirectly related to the products that CSI Spa to	r organizational interest in any

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# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

New Hardware or Significant Modification  C  Existing Hardware	
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The Hercules TL2 P Crash Cushion is a fully-redirective, non-gating crash cushion testet to MASH criteria. It has a frontal trolley unit thath allows a controlled deformation, a collapsable beam made up of a 7 modules that crush in a frontal impact to absorb energy and stop the vehicle in a controlled manner, and 4-beam side panels for side impact redirection. The unit is a 14.4 feet (4.39m) long, 23.2 inches (0.59m) wide at the rear, and 35.0 inches (0.89) high.

Note: TL2 Hercules Crash cushion is designed to be attached to a barrier that have a lateral stiffness lower than TL2 crash cushion.

It is not possible to connect Hercules TL2 to a rigid backup structure and in case of reverse impact condition.

# **CRASH TESTING**

A brief description of each crash test and its result:

Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
2-30 (1100C)	Test 2-30 involves a 1100C passenger car impactiong the crash cushion at a nominal impact speed of 70 km/h and an impact at 0 degrees with the quarter point of the vehicle aligned with the center line of the crash cushion. This test is preliminary intended to evaluate occupanti risk and vehicle trajectory criteria. For this test a Honda Civic (1180 kg) impacted the Hercules TL2P Crash Cushion at a speed 70.4 km/h and an angle of 0 degrees. Upon impact the vehicle forced the Hercules Crash Cushion's trolley rearward and began to collapse the beam modules. The crash cushion brought the vehicle to a controlled stop. The test vehicle sustained damage to its front end. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation was within allowable limits. The maximum roll and pitch angles did not exceed 75 deg. and the occupant risk values were within limits per the MASH specifications for OIV and ORA. Hercules Crash Cushion passed all evaluation criteria for test 2-30.	PASS
2-31 (2270P)	Test 2-31 involves a 2270P pick up truck impactiong the crash cushion at a nominal impact speed of 70 km/h and an impact at 0 degrees with the center line of the vehicle aligned with the center line of the Crash Cushion. This test is preliminary intendet to evaluate the capacity of the attenuator to stop the vehicle in a safe and controlled manner. For this test, a Chevrolet Silverado (2222 kg) impacted the Hercules Crash Cushion at a speed 69.5 km/h and an angle of 0 degrees. Upon impact the vehicle forced the Hercules Crash Cushion's trolley rearward and began to collapse the beam modules. The crash cushion brought the vehicle to a controlled stop. The test vehicle sustained damage to its front end. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation was within allowable limits. The maximum roll and pitch angles did not exceed 75 deg. and the occupant risk values were within limits per the MASH specifications for OIV and ORA. Hercules Crash Cushion passed all evaluation criteria for test 2-31.	PASS

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Required Test Number	Narrative Description	Evaluation Results
2-32 (1100C)	Test 2-32 involves a 1100C passenger car impactiong the crash cushion at a nominal impact speed of 70 km/h and an impact at 15 degrees with the centerline of the crash cushion. This test is preliminary intended to evaluate occupanti risk, vehicle trajectory and the capacity of the crash cushion to stop the vehicle in a controlled manner for an oblique impact. For this test a Honda Civic (1158.6 kg) impacted the Hercules Crash Cushion at a speed 70 km/h and an angle of 15 degrees. Upon impact the vehicle forced the Hercules Crash Cushion's trolley rearward and began to collapse the beam modules. The crash cushion brought the vehicle to a controlled stop. The test vehicle sustained damage to its front end. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation was within allowable limits. The maximum roll and pitch angles did not exceed 75 deg. and the occupant risk values were within limits per the MASH specifications for OIV and ORA. Hercules Crash Cushion passed all evaluation criteria for test 2-32.	PASS
2-33 (2270P)	Test 2-33 involves a 2270P pick up truck impactiong the crash cushion at a nominal impact speed of 70 km/h and an impact at 15 degrees with the centerline of the vehicle aligned with the center line of the crash cushion. This test is preliminary intended to evaluate occupanti risk, vehicle trajectory and the capacity of the crash cushion to stop the vehicle in a controlled manner for an oblique impact. For this test a Chevrolet Silverado (2239.4 kg) impacted the Hercules Crash Cushion at a speed 70.2 km/h and an angle of 15 degrees. Upon impact the vehicle forced the Hercules Crash Cushion's trolley rearward and began to collapse the beam modules. The crash cushion brought the vehicle to a controlled stop. The test vehicle sustained damage to its front end. The occupant compartment was not penetrated and the deformation was within allowable limits. The maximum roll and pitch angles did not exceed 75 deg. and the occupant risk values were within limits per the MASH specifications for OIV and ORA. Hercules Crash Cushion passed all evaluation criteria for test 2-33.	PASS
2-34 (1100C)	Test 2-34 involves a 1100C passenger car impactiong the crash cushion at a nominal impact speed of 70 km/h and an impact at 15 degrees with the CIP at the point where the crash cushion behavior changes from capturing to redirective. This test is preliminary intended to evaluate occupant risk and vehicle trajectory criteria. For this test a Honda Civic 1171.6 kg impacted the Hercules Crash Cushion at a speed 69.7 km/h and an angle of 15 degrees. The impact point was downstream the trolley. Upont the impact the vehicle was smoothly redirected. The test vehicle sustained damage to its right front corner, doors and rear quarter panel. The occupant compartment was within allowable limits. The maximum roll and pitch angles did not exceed 75 deg. and the occupant risk values were within limits per the MASH specifications for OIV and ORA. Hercules Crash Cushion passed all evaluation criteria for test 2-34.	PASS

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2-35 (2270P)	Test 2-35 involves a 2270P pick up truck impactiong the crash cushion at a nominal impact speed of 70 km/h and an impact at 25 degrees with the CIP at the point where the crash cushion behavior changes from capturing to redirective (BLON). This test is preliminary intended to evaluate the capacity of the attenuator for redirection/containment of heavy vehicles. For this test a Chevroled Silverado 2257 kg impacted the Hercules Crash Cushion at a speed 70.6 km/h and an angle of 25 degrees. The impact point was downstream the trolley and very near to the nose. Upont the Impact the vehicle was smoothly redirected. The test vehicle sustained damage to its left front corner, doors and rear quarter panel. The occupant compartment was within allowable limits. The maximum roll and pitch angles did not exceed 75 deg. and the occupant risk values were within limits per the MASH specifications for OIV and ORA. Hercules Crash Cushion passed all evaluation criteria for test 2-35.	PASS
2-36 (2270P)	Hercules TL2 P is not attached to a rigid backup structure	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-37 (2270P)	Hercules TL2 P is not installed in reverse impact condition	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-38 (1500A)	Numerical Simulation was performed on Hercules TL2 P	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-40 (1100C)	Test for non-redirective Crash Cushion, Not Applicable	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-41 (2270P)	Test for non-redirective Crash Cushion, Not Applicable	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-42 (1100C)	Test for non-redirective Crash Cushion, Not Applicable	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-43 (2270P)	Test for non-redirective Crash Cushion, Not Applicable	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-44 (2270P)	Test for non-redirective Crash Cushion, Not Applicable	Non-Critical, not conducted
2-45 (1500A)	Test for non-redirective Crash Cushion, Not Applicable	Non-Critical, not conducted

Full Scale Crash Testing was done in compliance with MASH by the following accredited crash test laboratory (cite the laboratory's accreditation status as noted in the crash test reports.):

Laboratory Name:	CSI SPA	
Laboratory Signature:	Cartiolo	
Address:	Viale Lombardia 20 - Bollate - MILANO	Same as Submitter
Country:	Italy	Same as Submitter
Accreditation Certificate Number and Dates of current Accreditation period:	Accredia 006 rev.05 Expiring Date : 08-03-24	

Submitter Signature\*:

CSI S.p.A Viale Lombards r. 20/B 2002/ BOLLATE (MI) C.F./P.I. 1136/0160151

**ATTACHMENTS** 

INDUSTRY A.M.S. S.r.I.

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Submit Form

### Attach to this form:

- 1) Additional disclosures of related financial interest as indicated above.
- 2) A copy of the full test report, video, and a Test Data Summary Sheet for each test conducted in support of this request.
- 3) A drawing or drawings of the device(s) that conform to the Task Force-13 Drawing Specifications [Hardware Guide Drawing Standards]. For proprietary products, a single isometric line drawing is usually acceptable to illustrate the product, with detailed specifications, intended use, and contact information provided on the reverse. Additional drawings (not in TF-13 format) showing details that are relevant to understanding the dimensions and performance of the device should also be submitted to facilitate our review.

### FHWA Official Business Only:

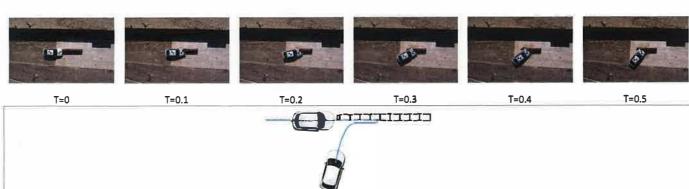
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General Information		Post-Impact Trajectory	
Test agency	CSI S.p.A.	Vehicle Stability	Satisfactory
Test No	Test 2-30	Stopping Distance	3 m upstream
Date	29/03/2021		6 m lateral
Test Article		Vehicle snagging	None
Type	HERCULES TL2 P	Vehicle pocketing	None
Installation length [m]	4.396	Occupant Risk Values	
Size and/or dimension and material of key		Impact Velocity [m/s]	
Elements	See attached drawings	X-direction	10.5
Foundation type and condition	Concrete	Y-direction	-0.7
		Ridedown Acceleration [g's]	
Test Vehicle		X-direction	-14.4
Type/ Designation	1100C	Y-direction	-3.6
Model	HONDA CIVIC	THIV	37.8
Mass [kg]		PHD	14.4
Curb	1049.2	ASI 2010	0.88
Test Inertial	1104.6	Test Article Damage	
Gross static	1180.2	Test Article Deflections [m]	
Impact Conditions		Permanent	1.55
Speed [km/h]	70.4	Dynamic	1.55
Angle [deg]	0.0	Working Wldth	0.65
Impact Severity [kJ]	225.7	Vehicle Damage	
Impact Location	Frontal, offset W/4, 0°	See appendix A	
Exit Speed [km/h]	< 10	Maximum internal deformation	15 mm
Exit Angle [deg]	N/A	Maximum external deformation	140 mm



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General Information		Post-impact Trajectory	
Test agency	CSI S.p.A.	Vehicle Stability	Satisfactory
Test No	Test 2-31	Stopping Distance	1 m upstream
Date,	16/04/2021		0 m laterally
Test Article		Vehicle snagging	None
Type	HERCULES TL2 P	Vehicle pocketing	None
Installation length [m]	4.396	Occupant Risk Values	
Size and/or dimension and material of key		Impact Velocity [m/s]	
E:ements	See attached drawings	X-direction	8.7
Foundation type and condition	Concrete (anchored)	Y-direction	-0.4
		Ridedown Acceleration [g's]	
Test Vehicle		X-direction	-13.7
Type/ Designation	2270P	Y-direction	1.1
Model	CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500	THIV	31.4
Mass [kg]		PHD	13.7
Curb	2041.8	ASI 2010	0.66
Test Inertial	2222.0	Test Article Damage	Moderate
Gross static	2222.0	Test Article Deflections [m]	
Impact Conditions		Permanent	2.42
Speed [km/h]	69.5	Dynamic	2.42
Angle [deg]	0	Working Wldth	0.67
Impact Severity [kJ]	414.1	Vehicle Damage	
Impact Location	Front, head centered	See appendix A	
Exit Speed [km/h]	< 10	Maximum internal deformation	37 mm
Exit Angle [deg]	N/A	Maximum external deformation	350 mm

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General Information		Post-Impact Trajectory	
Test agency	CSI S.p.A.	Vehicle Stability	Satisfactory
Test No	Test 2-32	Stopping Distance	3 m upstream
Date	24/03/2021		1 m Laterally
Test Article		Vehicle snagging	None
Type	HERCULES TL2 P	Vehicle pocketing	None
Installation length [m]	4.396	Occupant Risk Values	
Size and/or dimension and material of key		Impact Velocity [m/s]	
Elements	See attached drawings	X-direction	10.9
Foundation type and condition	Concrete	Y-dlrection	0.1
		Ridedown Acceleration [g's]	
Test Vehicle		X-direction	-15.5
Type/ Designation	1100C	Y-direction	-3.0
Model	HONDA CIVIC	THIV	38.9
Mass [kg]		PHD	15.6
Curb	1002.4	ASI 2010	1.10
Test Inertial	1082.8	Test Article Damage	Moderate
Gross static	1158.6	Test Article Deflections [m]	
Impact Conditions		Permanent	1.52
Speed [km/h]	70.3	Dynamic	1.52
Angle [deg]	15.0	Working Width	0.7
Impact Severity [kJ]	220.9	Vehicle Damage	
Impact Location	Frontal, head centered, 15°	See appendix A	
Exit Speed [km/h]	< 10	Maximum internal deformation	20 mm
Exit Angle [deg]	N/A	Maximum external deformation	160 mm

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General Information	Post-Impact Trajectory		
Test agency	CSI S.p.A.	Vehicle Stabllity	Satisfactory
Test No	Test 2-33	Stopping Distance	1 m upstream
Date	07/04/2021		2 m laterally
Test Article		Vehicle snagging	None
Туре	HERCULES TL2 P	Vehicle pocketing	None
Installation length [m]	4.396	Occupant Risk Values	
Size and/or dimension and material of key		Impact Velocity [m/s]	
Elements	See attached drawings	X-direction	9.7
Foundation type and condition	Concrete (anchored)	Y-direction	-1.1
		Ridedown Acceleration [g's]	
Test Vehicle		X-direction	-11.0
Type/ Designation	2270P	Y-dlrection	-3.2
Model	CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500	THIV	35.4
Mass [kg]		PHD	11.4
Curb	2212.0	ASI 2010	0.85
Test Inertial	2239.4	Test Article Damage	Moderate
Gross static	2239.4	Test Article Deflections [m]	
Impact Conditions		Permanent	2.25
Speed [km/h]	70.2	Dynamic	2.25
Angle [deg]	15.0	Working Width	0.71
Impact Severity [kJ]	425.8	Vehicle Damage	
Impact Location	Front, head centered, 15°	See appendlx A	
Exit Speed [km/h]	< 10	Maximum internal deformation	29 mm
Exit Angle [deg]	N/A	Maximum external deformation	330 mm

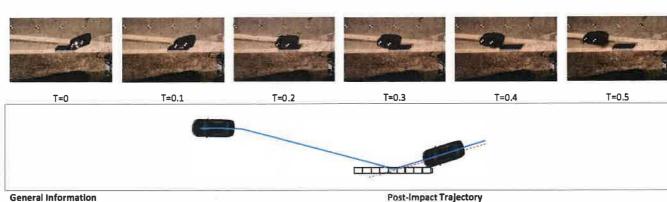


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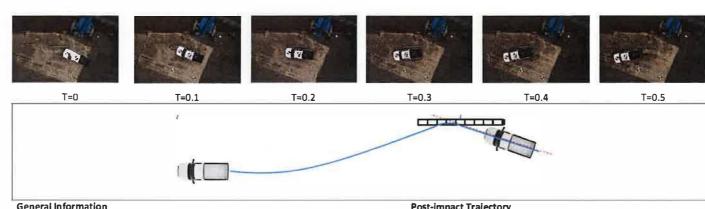
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General Information		Post-Impact Trajectory	
Test agency	CSI S.p.A.	Vehicle Stability	Satisfactory
Test No	Test 2-34	Stopping Distance	48 m downstream
Date	13/04/2021		8 m Laterally
est Article		Vehicle snagging	None
Туре	HERCULES TL2 P	Vehicle pocketing	None
Installation length [m]	4.396	Occupant Risk Values	
Size and/or dimension and material of key		Impact Velocity [m/s]	
Elements	See attached drawings	X-direction	2.9
oundation type and condition	Concrete	Y-direction	-4.9
		Ridedown Acceleration [g's]	
est Vehicle		X-dlrection	1.4
Type/ Designation	1100C	Y-direction	5.6
Model	HONDA CIVIC	THIV	20.7
Mass [kg]		PHD	5.6
Curb	1039.8	ASI 2010	0.99
Test Inertial	1096.0	Test Article Damage	Moderate
Gross statlc	1171.6	Test Article Deflections [m]	
mpact Conditions		Permanent	0.04
Speed [km/h]	69.7	Dynamic	0.05
Angle [deg]	15.0	Working Width	0.75
Impact Severity [kJ]	14.7	Vehicle Damage	
Impact Location	Laterally	See appendix A	
Exit Speed [km/h]	65	Maximum Internal deformation	4 mm
Exit Angle [deg]	9	Maximum external deformation	30 mm





General information		- 1
Test agency	CSI S.p.A.	
Test No.	Test 2-35	
Date	23/12/2020	
Test Article		
Type	HERCULES TL2P	
Installation length [m]	4.396	(
Size and/or dimension and material of key		
Elements	See attached drawings	
Foundation type and condition	Concrete (anchored)	
Test Vehicle		
Type/ Designation	2270P	
Model	CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500	
Mass (kg)		
Curb	2168.4	
Test Inertial	22\$7.0	
Gross static	2257.0	1
Impact Conditions		
Speed [km/h]	70.6	
Angle [deg]	25.0	
Impact Severity [kJ]	77.5	٧
Impact Location	Beginning	
Exit Speed [km/h]	43	
Exit Angle (deg)	11	

	Post-impact Trajectory				
	Vehicle Stability	Satisfactory			
	Stopping Distance	40 m downstream			
		13 m Laterally			
	Vehicle snagging	None			
	Vehicle pocketing	None			
	Occupant Risk Values				
	Impact Velocity [m/s]				
	X-direction	5.0			
	Y-direction	6.3			
	Ridedown Acceleration [g's]				
	X-direction	-3.2			
	Y-direction	-7.6			
	THIV	28.4 km/h			
	PHD	7.7			
	ASI 2010	1.03			
	Test Article Damage	Moderate			
Test Article Deflections [m]					
	Permanent	0.08			
	Dynamic	0.21			
	Working Width	0.75			
Vehicle Damage					
	See appendix A				
	Maximum internal deformation	40 mm			
	Maximum external deformation	530 mm			

